(a) the roads recommended by the Road Board ;

(b) when the works will be started?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The Board has not yet recommended any road construction.

(b) The question does not arise in view of the above.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know what the work of the Board is?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The minutes of the Board are published in the Gazette and they consider the feasibility of constructing roads and other matters.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—How long since it was formed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—They first met in Karkadagam 1106.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—So that is about an year now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No, it is only four months.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—And no roads are recommended.

Tenders of Panchayat works.

72. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether any limit has been fixed up as to the authority who should call for tenders of Panchayat works ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No hard and fast rule has been laid down. The Panchayat Finance Rules lay down that the agency for the execution of works costing Rs. 500 and below should be determined by the Panchayat. The system of entrusting works on contract by calling for tenders was introduced only recently. At present tenders for works costing Rs. 500 and above up to Rs. 2,000 are called for and disposed of by the Registrar of Panchayats. Tenders for works costing Rs. 2,000 and above are called for by the Registrar but disposed of by the Diwan. Tenders for works costing less than Rs. 500 are presented to the Panchayats who determine the contractor with the approval of the Registrar. Tenders for works costing above Rs. 200 are notified by the Registrar to be presented to the respective Panchayats. Those for works costing Rs. 200 and below are notified by the Panchayats locally.

Foot-paths in Chennamangalam.

73. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state why the public foot-paths in Chennamangalam have not been made purambokes ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The question is not clear. Details about the foot-paths in respect of which information is required may be given.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, I want to ask whether there are any roads there through which human beings pass.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Chennamangalam is full of human beings and they pass through them.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The question is not clear. What is the doubt you have?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is only a supplementary question that I can answer. The question presumes that the foot paths in Chennamangalam are not all porambokes. That question is not capable of understanding. If the question refers to such and such foot paths it would be quite clear. The second sentence shows why the question is not clear.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Why there are no porambokes there?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I do not admit of it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Then the question is quite clear.

Single crop lands assessed for occasional Second crop.

74. Mr. Joseph Petta.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many acres of single crop lands were, on an average, assessed for occasional second crop during the five years from 1102 to 1106 and what amount was annually collected on that account;

(b) whether any cases have come to the knowledge of the Government during the five years from 1102 to 1106, of such assessment having given to the subordinate revenue officers opportunities for illegal gratifications?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—

	Year.	Extent. Acre	Cent	Amount charged.
(a)	1102	4995	61½	6561/0/11
	1103	6135	39½	7888/3/7
	1104	6336	72	7859/5/2
	1105	7320	79	9855/8/3
	1106	7334	25	9882/14/3

(b) No.

Deepening Arappathodu.

75. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how far their plans about roads and deepening of Arappathodu in Edavilanga have progressed;

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